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To: FCC
Re: WT Docket 05-235

After reviewing the above referenced document, I am filing my comments in opposition to the complete elimination of Morse Code testing for Amateur Radio Licensing.

I respectfully request that you keep the 5 WPM Morse Code requirement for the Amateur Extra Class license. Morse Code is a simple, yet extremely effective means of communications requiring only simple transmit and receive equipment. However, unlike other communications modes, one must study Morse Code to both learn it, and develop the skill necessary to use it. Unfortunately, most people will not attempt to learn anything they don't have to.

Since the majority of the HF bands are open to those with General Class licenses, a Morse Code requirement for Extra Class licensees will not significantly restrict those interested in HF operations who have no interest in learning Morse Code. However, the 5 wpm Morse Code requirement ***will*** serve to introduce Morse Code to those wishing to achieve the highest class license, resulting in a continuing pool of Amateur Radio operators who have the ability to use this mode of communications.

Respectfully,

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